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Addressing Barriers to Rice Seeds Trade between  
India and Bangladesh  
(RISTE)

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**Group-IV Presentation**

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# Objectives I

*To address trade and trade related regulatory challenges in cross- border rice seeds trade between India and Bangladesh*

## Area of Activities (Desk and Field research)

- Trend of structure of seed policy of India and Bangladesh : A comparative analysis identifying similarities and dis-similarities, what are the obstacles in trade and rationales of it.
- Comparative analysis of yield pattern of a HYV seeds of India and Bangladesh to check benefits of trade and its direction.
- Mapping flow of informal seeds trade between two countries; to check benefits of trade
- Bangladesh is importing jute seeds from India but not Rice HYV seeds. Comparative economic analysis of trade policy in Jute seeds- Rice HYV seeds.
- Demand and supply analysis of rice seeds in two countries

## *Outcomes*

- Clear Understanding on legal hurdles at the policy level between two countries would be developed to intervene
- Gather comparative studies results to explore the feasibility of HYV seeds trade benefit for the two countries
- Bangladesh has been importing jute seeds not rice HYV; why is it so ? And what will help to negotiate?
- To develop our own understanding regarding informal and formal trade which means that which one gives benefits to whom?
- Identify the points on rice seeds trade on demand and supply

## Objective II

*To ensure greater uptake of the findings of the policy research in the society (Modified)*

### Area of Activities

- If SAARC platform would be used to foster rice seeds trade between two countries.

### Outcomes

- If achieved the rice seeds trade between two countries will increase and strengthen relationship

## Objective III (Additional)

Addressing the issues of future sustainability of seeds trade for mutual benefits

### Area of Activities

Formation of joint research group between two countries

### Outcomes

Joint research will help on future sustainability and improving seeds trade between two countries

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